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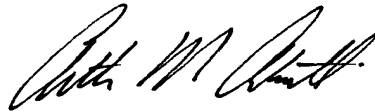
Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(h), enclosed is a List of References Cited by Applicant listing 63 references in reverse chronological order for the Examiner's convenience. These references were either cited by the Examiner or submitted in parent Application No. 09/915,572, filed July 27, 2001. Copies will be submitted upon request by the Examiner.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission pursuant to § 1.97(b), as an initial Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application has not been issued. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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